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Cmld. filed June 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGE BETWEEN NETWORKS USING CONTROL MESSAGE TEMPLATES and to the continuation-in-part thereof, Serial Number 09/767,902 of the same title, filed January 24, 2001; and to application Serial No. 09/607,931, filed June 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGES BETWEEN NETWORKS USING A PSEUDO-SWITCH and to the continuation-in-part thereof, Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ of the same title, filed January 18, 2001. The specifications of those applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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### IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute Figures 1-20 for Figures 1-19 as filed in the attached Submission of Substitute Formal Drawings.

### REMARKS

The specification is amended to include the application serial numbers assigned to the cited continuation applications filed in connection with referenced related parent application serial numbers 09/606,684 and 09/607,930, the respective CIPs' assigned serial numbers 09/767,902 and 09/767,292. The cross-reference paragraph is further amended because the serial number assigned to the CIP of serial number 09/607,931 has not yet been assigned.

The drawings are amended to substitute Figures 1-20 for Figures 1-19 as filed. In particular, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that the drawings submitted at the time of filing of the instant application were mistakenly copied directly from the parent application, serial number 09/609,033 instead of the revised set of drawings as referenced and described in the specification. The drawings referenced in the revised specification constituting the instant continuation-in-part application include twenty drawings, Figure 2 having been modified, a new drawing labeled Figure 3 having been added, and the remaining

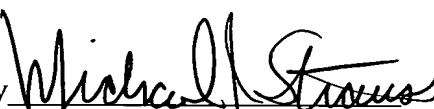
figures renumbered. The full set of twenty drawings substituted by this Preliminary Amendment are fully supported by the written description of those figures and, further, are explicitly included and incorporated by reference to related and earlier filed continuation-in-part patent application serial numbers 09/767,292 and 09/767,902. See, for example, page 1, lines 7-20 and page 50, lines 10-13 of the instant specification as filed. Accordingly, substitution of the drawings does not introduce new matter and Applicant is entitled to the benefit of the original filing date of February 5, 2001.

In addition to substitution of Figures 1-20, Figure 4 is further amended to revise the reference numerals to correspond to the written specification at page 34, line 28 – page 35, line 12. In particular, elements 302-320 are relabeled as elements 402-420 consistent with the cited portion of the specification.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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**Marked-up Version of Amendments**

This application is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 09/609,033, METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR IN CONTEXT MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGES BETWEEN NETWORKS, filed June 30, 2000 and is related to application Serial No. Serial No. 09/607,930, filed June 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATING CONTROL MESSAGES IN A SIGNALING NETWORK and to the continuation-in-part thereof, Serial Number 09/767,292 of the same title, filed January 18, 2001; to application Serial No. 09/606,684, filed June 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGE BETWEEN NETWORKS USING CONTROL MESSAGE TEMPLATES and to the continuation-in-part thereof, Serial Number 09/767,902 of the same title, filed January 24, 2001; and to application Serial No. 09/607,931, filed June 30, 2000 and entitled METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MEDIATING COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING MESSAGES BETWEEN NETWORKS USING A PSEUDO-SWITCH and to the continuation-in-part thereof, Serial Number [09/767,292] \_\_\_\_\_ of the same title, filed January 18, 2001. The specifications of those applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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